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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box. b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
pages _____, received by this Authority on _____, as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____, received by this Authority on _____
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the claims:
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pages* _____, received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims	1-9 NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims	1-9 NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9 YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US 6117921 A (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company) July 12, 2000

Document 2: JP 10-30010 A (Toyo Ink Manufacturing Co., Ltd.) February 3, 1998

Document 3: JP 2000-204309 A (Kyoeisha Kagaku Kabushiki Kaisha) July 25, 2000

The bond between the solid pigment, etc., and the resin having a polyether structure that is described in particular on page 9 of the Description of this application and the bond between the pigment and the graft copolymer that is described in particular in column 3, lines 18-44 of document 1 can be understood to be bonded by the same bonding status, and therefore the insoluble dye described in document 1 can be said to be coated by the graft copolymer. Moreover, persons skilled in the art can easily set the amount of coating to the range listed in the present invention.

The pigment dispersion and water-based ink of claims 2 and 3 are dispersed using the same dispersing agent as the one described in document 1, and therefore, it can be said that the pigment is coated by the graft copolymer.

As a result, the inventions of this application are one and the same as the inventions described in documents 1-3, and they lack novelty and an inventive step.